



GMM Summer Summit July 23 & 24, 2012

WORKING AGENDA

MONDAY, July 23, 2012		
8:30a – 11:30	GMM Challenge Fund Grant Teams ONLY <i>Discussion & debriefing on grant progress</i>	<i>Location:</i> Best Western Great Northern
15 minutes	Break	
Noon	All Attendees Opening Luncheon <i>Welcome by Superintendent Denise Juneau</i>	
1:00p – 2:15p	Graduation Matters Montana 101 & 102 <i>Deborah Halliday, OPI with Hardin & Missoula schools</i> To date, 26 schools have launched or are planning to launch their Graduation Matters Montana initiative, tapping the creativity and commitment of school staff, students, community members, local businesses and the media to celebrate the high expectations they have for all students graduating college and/or career ready through community events, I Pledge to Graduate ceremonies, and other approaches. The work that follows – applying what they learn from their data, sharing current efforts and planning and implementing new collaborations, keeping up inspiring communications – will occupy many local GMM Teams in 2012-2013. This session reviews the GMM model and features GMM schools sharing their GMM work.	
2:15p – 4:15p	Best Practices Intensive I: Using Data to Inform Your Strategies <i>Eric Meredith, OPI & Dr. Mickey Corso, Quaglia Institute</i> “Know Your Data” is one of the basic steps of local GMM work. Making decisions and prioritizing GMM strategies based on what you know about the specific challenges and opportunities students face in your local school and community is made easier through tapping into existing sources of data that OPI can provide free of charge. This session will update you on an Early Warning System the OPI is piloting this fall with several Montana schools, and then participants will be given time to delve into students’ sense of belonging through the <i>My Voice</i> survey tool that thousands of Montana students are taking each year.	
15 minutes	Break	
4:30p – 6:00p	Early Evening Reception <i>Hosted by MEA-MFT and MT School Board Assoc</i> Join us for light refreshments and hosted hors d’oeuvres on a beautiful Montana summer evening before heading out to dinner.	<i>Location:</i> MTSBA rooftop patio
TUESDAY, JULY 24, 2012		
8:00a	Welcome; what to expect today <i>Superintendent Denise Juneau</i>	<i>Location:</i> Best Western Great Northern
8:15a	Breakfast Roundtables Kicking off Tuesday morning is a chance to talk with practitioners and leaders working in Montana on initiatives that support Graduation Matters Montana. Table hosts will engage small groups of participants in an informal discussion of their work, strategies and lessons learned. There will be two rounds of table discussion, so participants will be able to choose two topic areas to explore. Topics include: Peer-to-Peer Mentoring	

	(Hardin High School); Using RTI and MBI in Graduation Matters efforts (OPI staff); AmeriCorps/VISTA and GMM (Student Assistance Foundation and MT Campus Corp); Career Readiness (Big Sky Pathways and Anaconda High School); Jobs for Montana Graduates (JMG); United Way (Missoula & Great Falls) and State Farm (invited), Family Friendly Schools (THRIVE), Bullying Prevention and Intervention (OPI staff).	
9:00 a	SAB Member Opening <i>Ty Show, Student Advisor Board Member, 2011 – 2012</i> Incorporating student voice early and often is a key strategy that local GMM Teams are discovering adds vitality and relevance to local efforts, from helping to plan and lead I Pledge to Graduate events, to designing PSAs, to surveying recent students who have dropped out to inform planning and doing. In 2010, Superintendent Denise Juneau created the first-ever statewide Student Advisory Board of 40 students from 30 communities large and small to advise her on issues related to GMM. SAB alumni Ty Show will share the impact student voice can have on GMM work, and on the students themselves.	
9:15a – 10:30a	Best Practices Intensive II: Creating School-Family-Community Partnerships <i>Thea Whalen, OPI with Libby school</i> GMM is built on a belief that families, schools and community share values of growing strong, healthy children ready to contribute to society through work and life choices. As we like to say, “No one is pro-drop out!” Finding relevant, impactful ways for students, families, community organizations and local businesses to participate in local GMM efforts is central to building sustainable initiatives. GMM Teams are finding that I Pledge to Graduate events are bringing schools, families and communities together to articulate high expectations of <i>all students</i> . This session will introduce another tool GMM teams can use to identify ways the school can create a more inviting, inclusive space for families and community.	
15 minute	Break	
10:45a – 12:15p	Workshop Breakout I: mentoring & tutoring <i>Thrive</i> <i>Bozeman, MT</i>	Research shows that students must experience <i>academic integration</i> (a sense of ownership and connectivity to their coursework) as well as <i>social integration</i> (a sense of belonging with trusting relationships) at school to succeed. Effectively tapping community members to assist schools in meeting the academic and social needs of students is something that Thrive, a Bozeman-based non-profit has been doing for twenty years. Come to this workshop to learn more about the model, tools and approach that has led to 500+ community volunteers working in the Bozeman Public Schools <i>every week</i> .
	Workshop Breakout II: college/career readiness <i>Anaconda, Shepherd, and Thompson Falls Schools</i> <i>OCHE</i>	All economic indicators point to the need for Montana’s young adults to pursue some type of training post-high school to be competitive in today’s workforce, which means that students must be prepared and inspired to graduate from high school ready for their next steps in life. Come to this workshop to learn how schools are partnering with local employers, two-year and four-year colleges and the OPI to make sure Montana students graduate college and career ready.
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	Workshop Breakout III: community collaboration <i>United Way & OPI</i>	art as much as it is a science, and it is a critical component to achieving an all-hands-on-deck sense of urgency and impact. Come to this workshop to receive practical tools and a helpful roadmap for launching and sustaining your local GMM Team over the long haul. This workshop will be very participatory, so gets your thinking caps on and be ready to share your best insights and stickiest challenges.
15 minute	Break	
12:30p	Luncheon Keynote <i>Gov. Bob Wise, President of the Alliance for Excellent Education</i>	
1:30p – 2:30p	Building Effective Business-School Partnerships <i>Business Leaders Roundtable</i> Following a luncheon keynote address by Governor Bob Wise, President of the Alliance for Excellent Education, Montana business leaders will join Gov. Wise for a brief discussion about business’ role in supporting graduation and college/career preparedness. Panelists will be asked to discuss two critical questions: (1) Given that the Montana business community needs to be vocal about the skills and experiences students need to develop in high school in order to prepare for work and life, what are the critical skills/experiences that you most want to see students master, and in what ways can businesses help schools accomplish this task? (2) Local businesses are often the mainstay of the local community, often outlasting school boards, school leadership changes and school reform efforts. In what ways can the business community provide the stability and support local schools need to pursue innovation and student skill/experience mastery? Business leaders participating in the panel include Scott Levandowski (First Interstate Bank); Sheila Callahan (Mountain Broadcasting); and State Farm Insurance (invited).	
15 minute	Break	
2:30p – 3:45p	Like Communities Strategy Sessions Facilitated by OPI Staff Graduation Matters Montana’s informal tagline is “ <i>Locally designed, locally implemented, based on what works in Montana.</i> ” The OPI works to foster a statewide learning community of schools, community and businesses working together to implement strategies that will succeed in a vast, rural state like Montana. Time is set aside this afternoon to support GMM Teams’ sharing out of key insights and GMM next steps.	
3:45p – 4:00p	Closing Plenary	